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network, the server of the present invention edits an image by separately performing an image editing process on a high resolution part of the image and a low resolution part of the image.

Jakobs does not disclose separately performing an image editing process on a high resolution part of an image and a low resolution part of the image. Since the image editing operation of the low resolution part of the image having a relatively small amount of data can be performed in a shorter time compared to editing a whole image, the image editing operation may be performed faster than a conventional image editing operation. Therefore, waiting time in an image editing operation can be shortened for the user (for example, see line 13 of P34 to line 24 of P36).

In Jakobs, in a case where the user requests a single image to be edited by using the alleged image processing apparatus having no such characteristic, the user must wait a considerable amount of time for the alleged image processing apparatus to complete performing an image editing process on the entire image since it does not separately edit the high resolution part and the low resolution part of the image. Thus, unless the user image editing process in completed for the entire image, the user cannot use (e.g., browse) the edited image in a subsequent step.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention as claimed is not anticipated by Jakobs. Applicant submits that claims 1-14 as amended are now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the objections to the claims and the abstract have been overcome by the amendments and the remarks and withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested. Applicants submit that Claims 1, 3-7, 9, and 11-14 as amended are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1-14 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 3-7, 9, 11-14 have been amended. No claims have been added. Claims 2, 8 and 10 have been canceled.

The Examiner rejected claims 3-6 and 11-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended the phrase "image processing apparatus" to "server" and amended the phrase "other image processing apparatus" to "client". Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 has been overcome by the amendments. Applicant submits that claims 3-6 and 11-14 as amended are now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Jakobs et al (U.S. 5,892,509). Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Claim 1 as amended is as follows:

A server connected to a client via a network for editing image data based on image editing commands from the client, the server comprising:
a storing unit to store image files;
a first image editing unit to edit a low resolution part of an image file stored in the storing unit in response to an image editing command from the client;
an informing unit to inform the client that the image editing process has been completed by the first image editing unit;
a job supplying unit to form a job commanding a high resolution part of the image file stored in the storing unit to be edited; and
a second image editing unit to edit the high resolution part of the image file stored in the storing unit in response to the job formed by the job supplying unit.

As set forth above, the present invention as claimed requires a server (image processing apparatus) in a server/client network. In response to a command sent from the client via a